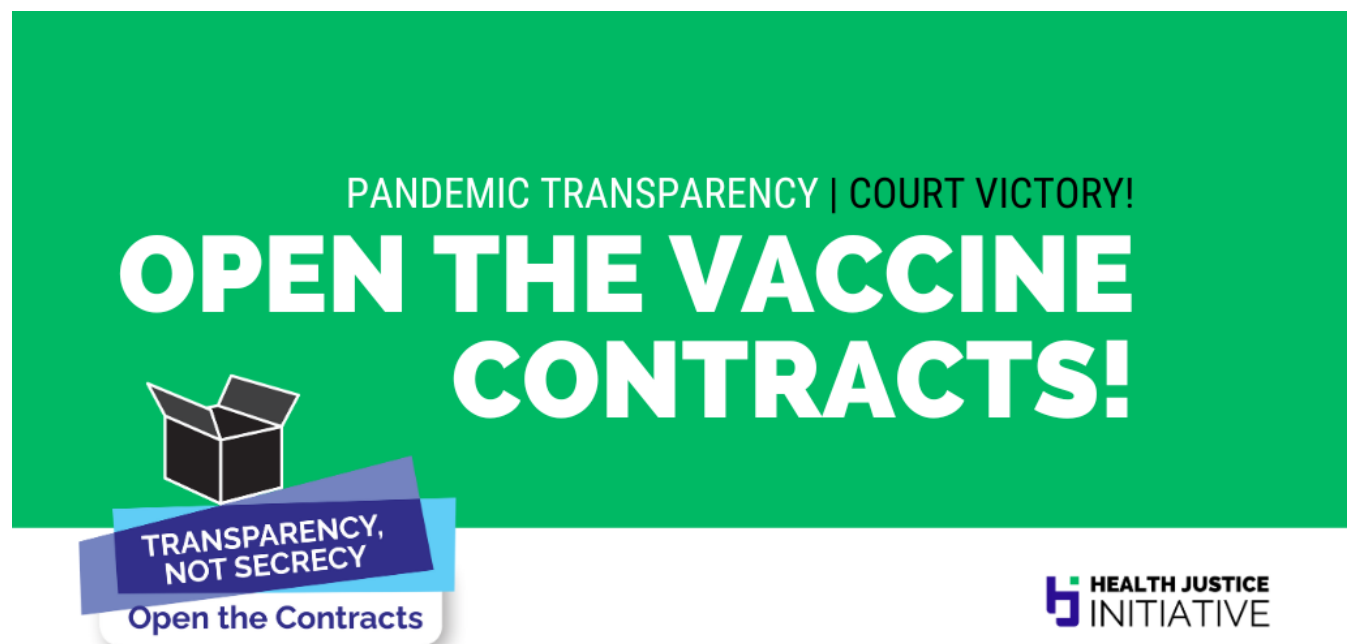


Open the Contracts: Court rules in favour of vaccine transparency

Judgment handed down in the Pretoria High Court on 17 August 2023!



The Health Justice Initiative v The Minister of Health and Information Officer, Department of Health

On 22 February 2022 in Gauteng, South Africa, the HJI launched legal proceedings for the disclosure of all Covid-19 vaccine contracts and any applicable agreements with relevant companies and entities.

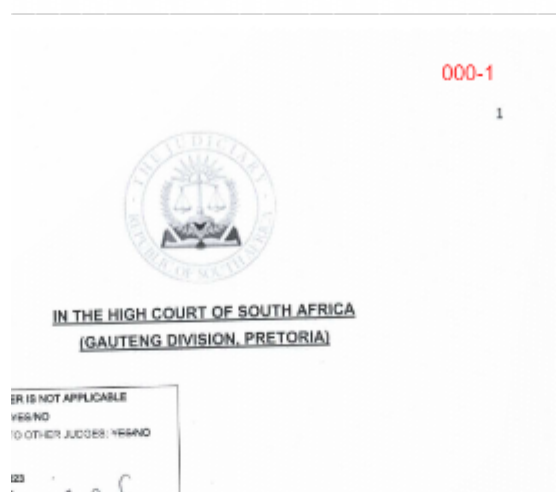
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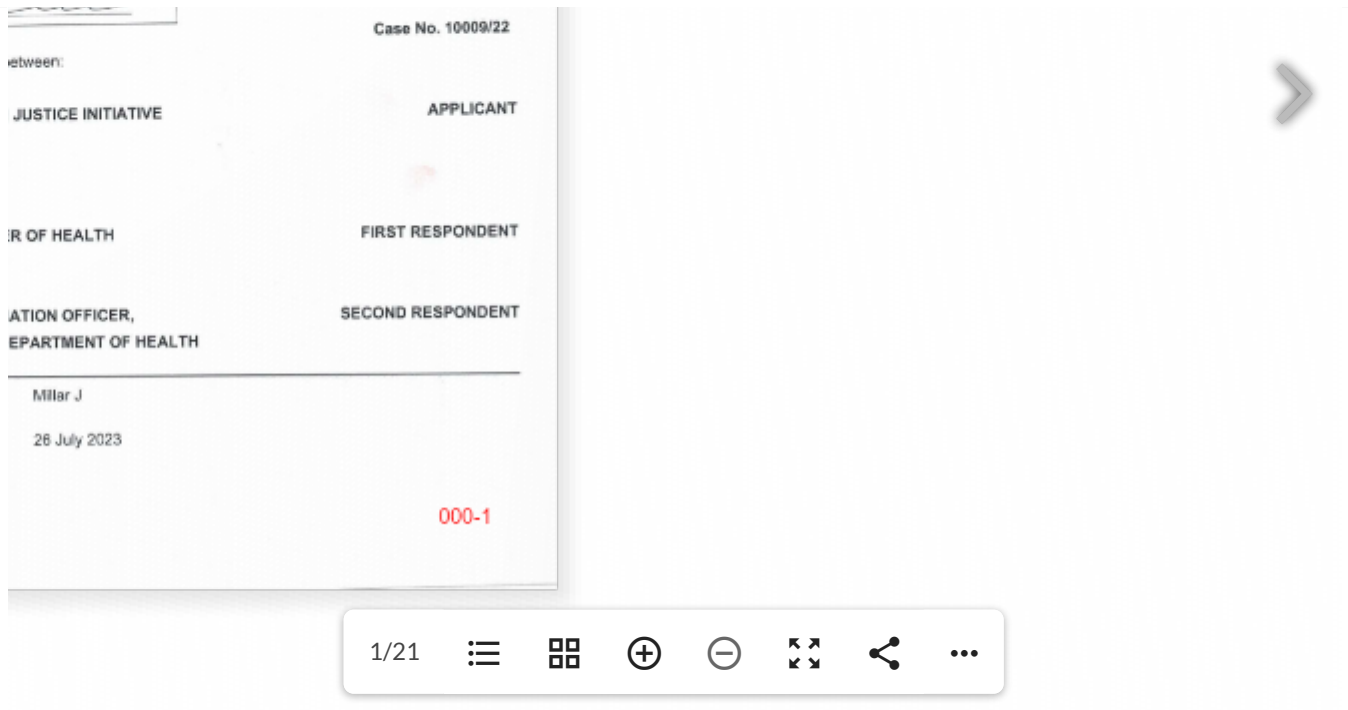
This case was heard by Millar J in the Pretoria High Court on Tuesday, 25 July 2023.

On 17 August 2023, the Pretoria High Court ruled in our favour in our bid to compel the National Department of Health to provide access to the COVID-19 vaccine procurement contracts. The Court ordered (per Millar J) that all COVID-19 vaccine contracts must be made public, and the costs of the case were awarded in our favour.

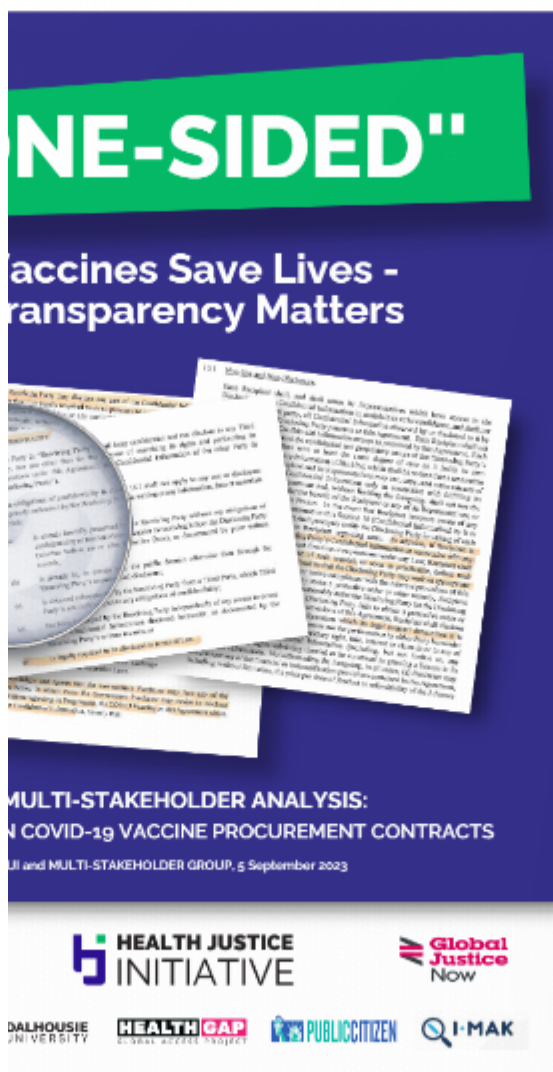
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- Access the High Court judgment **here**. (3MB)
- Access our press release on the judgment **here**. (17 August 2023)
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- Access “One-Sided” | A Multi-stakeholder Analysis: South African COVID-19 Vaccine Procurement Contacts **here**. (5 September 2023)





Access the Documents



Following the release of South Africa's COVID-19 vaccine procurement contracts, the Health Justice Initiative worked with a multi-stakeholder group to conduct this analysis of the four agreements. We found the terms and conditions are overwhelmingly one-sided and favour multinational corporations, placing governments in the Global South, and in turn, the people living in these countries, with unusually hefty demands and conditions, including a lack of transparency, and very little leverage against late or no delivery of supplies or inflated prices resulting in gross profiteering.

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